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Yuma Energy, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Banks Sam L. <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 1825 <small>(Street)</small> HOUSTON, TX 77027 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Yuma Energy, Inc. [YUMA]	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President and CEO		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,102,138 (1) (2)	D	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Appreciation Rights	(3)	08/22/2018	Common Stock	28,530	\$ 12.1 (4)	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Banks Sam L. 1177 WEST LOOP SOUTH SUITE 1825 HOUSTON, TX 77027	X	X	President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Sam L. Banks 11/07/2016
Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects the undersigned's beneficial ownership of shares of common stock of the Issuer after the reincorporation of Yuma Energy, Inc., a California corporation, to Delaware and the 1-for-20 reverse stock split.
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